

# Media Advisory

*Secretary of State*  
State of Louisiana



*W. Fox McKeithen*  
Secretary of State

---

P.O. BOX 94125  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-9125  
EMAIL:  
JENNIFER.MARUSAK@SOS.LOUISIANA.GOV

JENNIFER MARUSAK  
DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS  
TEL: (225) 342-4479

---

**March 24, 2005**

## **DELTA MUSIC MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS LOUISIANA'S STORIED MUSICIANS**

BATON ROUGE, LA – Louisiana's Delta Music Museum highlights Louisiana's most famous musicians through rich exhibits and the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremonies.

Formerly the U.S. Post Office, the museum sits at 218 Louisiana Ave. in Ferriday. Previously known as the Ferriday Museum, the Delta Music Museum is an addition to the Louisiana Department of State's Historic Museums Program.

The city acquired the property as a purchase/donation from the Ater brothers of Ferriday. Legislation was introduced by Rep. Bryant O. Hammett, Jr. in 2001 to add the museum to Secretary of State W. Fox McKeithen's program. Under this arrangement, the city owns the facility and contributes to the budget, but it is operated by the state.

The building, constructed in 1939-40, has been remodeled to accommodate the museum's exhibits and includes space for live performances. Many of the building's original features have been restored and help to create a special nostalgic ambience for visitors. The new museum consists of interpretative and interactive exhibits focusing on the history, music and culture of the Louisiana-Mississippi Delta region.

Today, the museum recognizes 12 individuals in its Hall of Fame for their contributions to the town of Ferriday and the states of Louisiana and Mississippi. The inductees include Jimmie Davis, Mickey Gilley, Allen "Puddler" Harris, Johnny Horton, Jerry Lee Lewis, Aaron Neville, Percy Sledge, Howard K. Smith, Jimmy Lee Swaggart, Conway Twitty, Ann Boyar Warner and Leon "PeeWee" Whittaker.

####